

NETWORK ADDRESS TRANSLATION USING A FORWARDING AGENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A system and method are disclosed for specifying  
network address translation for a set of packets. A  
first set of instructions is sent to a forwarding agent  
specifying criteria for designated packets that are  
designated to undergo network address translation. A  
10 matching packet is received from the forwarding agent  
that matches the specified criteria. A network address  
translation scheme is determined for the matching packet.  
A second set of instructions are sent specifying the  
network address translation scheme for packets associated  
15 with the matching packet.